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Photo by Will Jones

Mike Buss brings Toronto students back to the 18th century on a Yours Outdoors adventure tour, called *On the Trap Line*. See page 12 for story and photos.

Haliburton County wins 2015 Senior Winter Games

By Warren Riley

It's official. The 2015 senior winter games are coming back to Haliburton County.

In a March 1 press release, Sport Alliance Ontario along with the Ontario Senior Games Association announced that Haliburton County had been selected as the official host for the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games that will be held in February 2015.

Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Michael Chan made

the announcement.

"Congratulations to the County of Haliburton on being selected to host the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games," he said. "Having hosted a successful Ontario 55+ Games in the past, we are well aware of the wonderful amenities the Haliburton Highlands has to offer. I am confident this Ontario community will again host a very successful event in 2015."

Holly Abraham, chair of Sport Alliance Ontario, agreed with Chan.

"We are excited for the Ontario 55+ Winter Games to be

returning to Haliburton after an extremely successful set of Games in 2011. We look forward to the incredible community engagement and athlete-first focus once again."

Along with Chan and Abraham, Alan Clark was excited at the announcement.

Clark has agreed to be chairman of the games, due to his expertise and knowledge.

"I was chairman for the 2011 games here and I have agreed to accept the position again," he said.

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Haliburton County Rail Trail at the Gould's Crossing parking area off County Rd. 1 in Haliburton.

Rail Trail to get new safety, speed limit signs

By Lisa Harrison

Safety, speed limit, no trespass and information signs are all on the books for the Haliburton County Rail Trail this year.

Public works director Doug Ray outlined upcoming projects at county council's Feb. 20 meeting, including recommendations from the ad hoc working group review of the 2012 Rail Trail Community Engagement Strategy.

Zones requiring safety signage have been identified at the Fowler quarry on County Rd. 1, in Donald, at the Gelert cemetery and at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Bollards restricting ATV use will be installed at both ends of the trail section between County Rd. 1 and County Rd. 21, leaving room for powered wheelchairs.

Speed limit signs will be posted at all municipal access points, 11 in each direction. No trespass signs will be posted at four private property locations and fencing and gates will be installed in trespass areas for two farms along the route.

"Both the property owners are being very cooperative," said Ray. "They don't want it all done in one year, they just want to see some progressive work done."

The department will continue to communicate with property owners expressing concern over trespassing and post signs and provide fencing and gates if required.

Information signs will be installed in Haliburton at the County Rd. 1 parking area, in Lochlin at Richie Falls Road and at the Haliburton/City of Kawartha Lakes boundary. The department will work with Dysart et al to establish additional ATV traffic direction signs at the County Rd. 1 parking area for ATV riders travelling downtown.

The department will also repair several culverts taking care to preserve any unique, historical or otherwise relevant original stone or iron work.

The Haliburton ATV Association will provide \$5,000 worth of granular surfacing material toward the repair of a washout 4.5 kilometres south of Geeza Rd.

Hawk Lake landfill passes muster

By Lisa Harrison

The Hawk Lake landfill site in Algonquin Highlands has come through its annual review in apparently reasonable shape.

Council approved the draft review by Cambium Environmental Inc. at its Feb. 21 council meeting. The review will now be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) as required.

Cambium's report on the 20-year-old site on County Rd. 13 east of Highway 35 summarized 2012 groundwater and surface water monitoring results and provided recommendations for continued operations.

Highlights include indications that groundwater quality at the background monitoring well remains stable and is consistent with historical data. Two wells are producing leachate but it is "relatively dilute and characteristic of a small rural waste disposal site."

Cambium reported impacts on groundwater quality appear to be limited to a waste mound near three other wells and recommended future data monitoring and observation at those locations.

Two surface water test sites indicate a minor impact in the ponded surface water there but Cambium added this is also likely in part a result of stagnant low flow and elevated metals concentrations reported to occur naturally in local soils. The consultant concluded no impact is evident at the downstream surface water sampling station on Kennisis River.

Cambium recommended removing a Brealoch Rd. residential well from the monitoring program as there appears to be no indication of landfill-related impact, and also recommended assessment or decommissioning of several monitoring wells not currently used in the program.

Public works director Mike Thomas told council the department will make sure the monitoring wells are in compliance.

The Hawk Lake site processed approximately 730 cubic metres of waste and cover material last year and has a remaining site life of approximately eight years, Cambium reported.

The consultant recommended a detailed topographic survey this year to confirm existing waste volumes and remaining site capacity.

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Dysart in brief

New vehicles for fire and roads departments

Dysart Council approved the purchase of two vehicles for municipal departments at the Feb. 25 regular meeting. The fire department will buy a new extended cab, half-ton pick-up truck from Curry Motors for a total cost of \$28,973.42, while the roads department will purchase a 2001 articulating tractor with plow, broom, blower, dump box and sander attachments for \$16,000.00 plus tax from Contractors Rental Supply.

Dysart Arena to open with free skate

There will be free skating for the whole weekend at A.J. LaRue Arena after its opening on March 7. The two days of celebration will give the public a chance to skate in the newly refurbished arena, while free hot chocolate and coffee will be available, sponsored by All Canadian Hockey School (ACHS).

South Lake dump to close

The South Bay Landfill site will be temporarily closed from May 1. Reeve Murray Fearrey explained the decision came in light of the dump being full. "We have to close it to meet regulatory requirements. It's a difficult decision but one that people knew was coming." The council will be installing cameras around the site to deter people from illegally dumping garbage after the date of closure.

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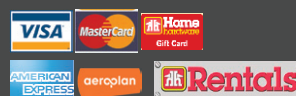
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Editorial opinion

In training

The Ontario 55+ Winter Games are coming back to Haliburton in 2015.

If the last games, held here in 2011, and the Pond Hockey Championships earlier this year have taught us anything, it's that we need more training before these big events.

I'm not talking about our athletes, either.

Sure, it's important for the competitors to train hard to represent the Highlands in the games, but it's the businesses and event planners who really need to shape up.

The big criticism in 2011 was that although we had all these athletes coming to town, we couldn't get them into our shops and restaurants. Many had spent money on advertisements and special promotions. For some, it was a net loss.

Interestingly enough, we heard similar complaints about the Pond Hockey Championships in January.

The potential economic benefit to the county motivated many to contribute to the community support the event received. Businesses took out ads in the local papers and radio stations, came up with new dishes and great deals. But once again, nada.

Of course, you'll hear that the benefit is not immediately apparent, that it's long-term, and not all businesses missed out. But that doesn't help the smarting shop owners in the heart of Haliburton Village who don't know if they can keep the store open another two or three years for another try when these folks come back.

Rest assured, when talks begin in earnest about the 2015 Winter Games, we'll hear the same hype we've heard twice before. Thousands of people. Big money. Huge impact. County-wide benefit. Queue the opening of public coffers.

Blah blah blah.

Just because someone comes to the Highlands doesn't mean they're going to

spend money here.

It doesn't mean they want to buy a new snowmobile while in town, or are going to shop in local stores for knick-knacks.

It's time to think outside the box.

Event organizers need to team up with local businesses and community leaders and really decide how they want to attack the 2015 games.

To start, businesses need to be on-site. Don't expect visitors to come to us; we have to go to them. Use our local Farmers Markets as an example: make the venue a location where athletes go to compete, but also a place where they can sit down, enjoy a bowl of chili, and browse some merchandise.

Another idea — a special currency — has been talked about since the Pond Hockey Championships. When athletes register, they'd be given some 'Highland Bucks' to spend in local shops. Get them in the door and then it's up to you to sell them on your products.

Restaurants need to get out of their shops and onto the streets. At Snowball in Dorset a few weeks ago, there was a restaurant that placed an employee outside in the cold with a steaming pot of pulled pork. Delicious and warming, there were plenty of people walking around with those sandwiches.

We're lucky in that we have two years to plan for the games, and in between we might have another kick at the Pond Hockey can. It's a good training exercise and an opportunity to experiment and get things right.

But if we don't train hard enough, we'll be destined to have yet another poor showing.



By Matthew Desrosiers

The Tony Bennett Residency Test

If you're not careful, the first week of March can feel like the halfway point of an intercontinental flight: cramped, monotonous, with still eight hours to go before you can get out.

It really doesn't help that this is also the time of year we must contemplate the inevitable — the annual tribute, otherwise known as the payment of taxes.

In theory we should be cheerful about taxes. They pay for many services we need and use; not just health care and education but important things like stampedes and summits.

In reality however, it's difficult to be cheerful about following the rules and doing one's part when our leaders seem to consider it optional. Whether the millions and billions are pilfered by Ontario's Ornge or Ottawa's Red Chamber doesn't really matter; we're being ripped off by opportunists and moral relativists. Game theory and common sense tell us the only way to survive in this kind of situation without being patsies (and we don't want to be patsies) is to adapt our behaviour to the new norms.

The most important of these norms is how we interpret the law. Time was, laws were black and white. To underscore the point, they were even printed in black and white. If anything wasn't clear judges were there to clarify, and their word was final.

Today, laws are open to more personal and esoteric interpretations. The approach can be summarized in the legal axiom, *if I'm doing it, it must be ok*. The logic comes from an assumption in mass culture that those who achieve power or wealth are virtuous — who, after all, would hire a CEO or appoint someone as a senator who wasn't virtuous? It follows therefore that whatever our leaders do is virtuous; if laws appear to be broken, there must have been some misunderstanding because, obviously, only criminals, easily identifiable by a jailhouse address and scruffy appearance, break laws.

Now, most regular people want to be virtuous too, and it seems to me a good place to start would be by emulating the example of our virtuous leaders. This being Canada, where the law applies equally to everyone, we too can be "innovative" and employ do-it-yourself legal interpretation, saving thousands of dollars on our taxes. Here's how.

First off, declare your place of residence as Nunavut. This will entitle you to thousands of dollars in northern resident tax credits. You don't have to actually live there; just follow the Tony Bennett Residency Test perfected by senators Wallin and Duffy — wherever you left your heart, that's where you live. Really, who would dare question your love of polar bears?

If you do get questioned, take comfort in the announcement

by senate leader Marjorie LeBreton that wherever you say you live is good enough for her, and whatever's good enough for the senate leader is surely good enough for the CRA.

Second, accept payments from your customers only in cash-stuffed envelopes which you stash away in safety deposit boxes. If you get caught all you have to do is declare them later, as at least one ex-prime minister has done. As they say, deferral is almost as good as deduction. Think of how much you'll save on bookkeeping.

Next, don't forget to write off everything. I mean everything — all your \$16 glasses of orange juice, that million-dollar gazebo you built with what you said was money for border security, your vacation to Disneyworld. Especially your vacation to Disneyworld — how can anyone expect you to work unless you're well-rested? And besides, it was a fact-finding mission.

Finally, follow the model of our venerable multinationals by setting up offshore subsidiaries. Have your Cayman Islands company bill you for "management" services. This will bring your income to a non-taxable zero.

If you have any hesitation following this advice, that's just your conscience talking; you wouldn't make a very good senator or CEO thinking like that. *If I'm doing it, it must be ok*. Repeat in front of a mirror.

One last tip which won't help with your taxes but will save you a lot of money: any contracts you have where the numbers aren't working out for you — your mobile phone, business partnerships, a car lease — just change them. All you need to do is send a letter to the other party telling them your "terms of service" have been altered, thanking them for their consent which you've implied from their having opened your letter. Make sure your phone is forwarded to the Philippines in case they call.

Following these steps, by pulling together and doing our part, you can save thousands. We can move this country and this province into prosperity quicker than you can say Parliamentary Budget Office.

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You're welcome.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

How Devolin voted is the real question

Dear editor,

Barry Devolin was quite right in justifying the number of times that he voted since the last election. But the more important matter is not the number of times an MP votes, but rather HOW that person votes.

Did Barry look closely at the merits of the issues and then vote either according to his conscience or his understanding of how people in his riding would want him to vote? Or did he meekly vote as he was told by the PM or House Leader.

How did Barry vote when seniors were told that they must wait two more years before collecting OAS? How did he vote on the odious Omnibus Bills that were designed to ram legislation through and thwart meaningful debate? How did he vote when more information was requested on the real F-35 costs? How did he vote when the Long Form Census was emaciated?

Our parliamentary system gives each MP the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference by representing the wishes of the electorate in his riding or voting according to his individual understanding of the issue. But this responsibility seems to be abandoned when an MP walks into the House of Commons.

Many have characterized the members of the Conservative Caucus as trained seals, whose purpose is to clap and bark when told to do so and to vote according to the dictates of the trainer. If one watches Question Period, the Conservative MP's certainly fulfill that first role. They always clap and shout after a colleague responds to a question, even when that response has nothing to do with the question. If one looks at the solidarity of the voting records they also fill that second role. Seldom is a vote cast that is different from that of the House Leader.

We know where Barry stands on the number of times that he voted. But where does he stand on the bigger question on the meaningfulness and sincerity of his votes?

Dennis Choptiany
Markham

Photo of the week



Photo by Walt Griffin

Mark Fisher of Gelert walks his two Percheron horses, Mike (left) and Fred, to cool them after pulling logs.

The cleansing of the municipal office

Dear editor,

Here we go again!

There is a difference between the term "personnel" and "personal". To fire an employee "without cause" sounds "personal" to me! A 10-year employee who did her job quite satisfactorily for the previous councils, and filled in as Interim Clerk this past year, is suddenly fired by the new Clerk/CAO who has held this job since the Reeve's firing of her predecessor in July.

The Reeve, though promising to run a transparent government, has somehow deemed it her right to have staff fired without bringing the facts to the council who would then vote on the matter to decide if there is cause for dismissal. With this council and a 4-3 vote the Reeve always gets her

way anyway! Normally, staff appraisals would be done yearly and any concerns would be brought to the Personnel Committee to be discussed with the employee, monthly if needed, until the concerns were rectified. This was not done in these two cases. To suddenly, without warning, be told 'You're fired, hand in your keys, grab your personal belongings, and leave immediately' has to be devastating!

Minden is a small village and municipality. Everyone knows everyone! News spreads quickly. I can't even imagine the pain and shock for the employee. Where is the compassion? Who is next?

Lois Rigney
Ratepayer, Minden Hills

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Eating My Little Pony

There's panic in the UK. People are afraid, very afraid. They're scared to go to the grocery store. They're frightened to eat meat. Again. But the hysteria is not due to some deadly strain of Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (that's mad cow disease to us non-scientific types). Nor do salmonella infected eggs adorn the shelves. The delirium is caused by nothing so dangerous as an outbreak of e-coli poisoning, not even the chance of catching a nasty cold. No, people are flinging their arms in the air and wailing woefully because of horse.

"There's horse in our meat, oh what are we to do?"

Hordes of shoppers are roaming the cities scared to buy burgers, panicking about the contents of their beloved meat pies. The frozen food freezers and ready meal shelves remain untouched at grocery stores. Ikea has taken meatballs off its menu. It's that serious.

"There's horse in our meat, the end of the world in nigh!"

But hold on one minute. Is this meat infected with some lethal bacteria? Erm, no. Is it liable to give us a dose of tummy ache? The answer is in the negative here, too. No, the reason for the horror surrounding the discovery of horse in some processed meat products is that horses are cute. Horses are lovely and shiny and they have such big brown eyes and long eyelashes and did I already mention that they're so cute. You see, English folks have this strange attachment to

horses. Why, I can't imagine, even though I count myself as one of them – an English man that is, not a horse! English folks are quite happy to chow down on a cuddly little lamb, or rip strips off of a suckling pig (that's a tiny piglet, for Pete's sake). They'll happily eat beef – think big brown eyes with long eyelashes and cows win hands-down surely – and veal, too. But horses? No way!

Personally, I side with the French. Horses are simply another source of protein, and they are even rumoured to taste quite good, like beef, so I'm told. I'm even slightly disappointed to be here in Canada while across the Atlantic I could be getting my fill of horse at the moment. Then again, I'm not one for pre-packed meals or processed burgers and it seems that less and less folks over there are partial to them at the moment, too.

And, there's the upshot of the great British horse eating debacle. People are snubbing processed, industrially-manufactured foods and looking to their local butcher for advice, and meat. They are buying from local producers because that way they can guarantee that no cutesy-My-Little-Pony has been ground down into their burgers. People are even buying the cheap cuts of meat – the shins of beef, the neck of lamb – and making their own burgers. They are getting back into the kitchen and cooking from scratch, no less.

The Outsider

Hooray for horsemeat, say I. Not because it tastes so good, I can't comment on that (but I'll let you know when I do get to sample it) but because it is prompting people to buy local, to cook more, to think about just what it is that they are putting on their plates. And so, if it takes some illegally infiltrated meat to get a nation to consider the implications of industrially processed meat, I say let horsemeat hysteria reign in England!

But in all seriousness (honest), British Prime Minister David Cameron attempted to quell the panic recently, by taking a leaf out of past-Minister of Agriculture, John Gummer's books. When mad cow disease, a truly deadly virus, was at its height, Gummer held a photo shoot of himself and his daughter eating burgers. And so, what did Cameron do? Like any serious politico he ate a meat pie in front of the paparazzi (or perhaps that should be pepperetzi!) to assure shoppers that their pies are pukka!

Hmm, I wonder what politician tastes like? Maybe we should grind down a few and... Then again, let's just stick to buying local.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What do you have planned for March Break?



Alex Thyrring

Haliburton

Being with friends. Skiing at Sir Sam's. Snowmobiling and having a good time.

Brock Mackie

Haliburton

I'll probably hang out with some guy friends and the girls. Make an effort to enjoy the break. Every year it gets better.



Jayson McMullen

Minden

A lot of fun. Snowboarding at Sir Sam's and hanging out with my girlfriend.

Travis Garland

Sunderland

Practice my violin. Just started two months ago and I love it. That's about it.



Trevor Perry

Kinmount

Just hanging out with friends and snowboarding at Horseshoe. No school work, just chilling and having fun partying with everyone.



Have a question we should ask? Send it to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin.

Minden water rates to rise

By Mark Arike

Water and sewer rates are about to go up in Minden Hills. Councillors passed several bylaws at their Feb. 28 meeting, resulting in fee increases for the town's residents.

Those on the village's water system will see the fee for water use increase 13 cents from \$2.53 per cubic metre to \$2.66. The minimum amount of each quarterly bill will now be \$109.65 instead of \$104.42.

Sewer rates will go up by 14 cents from \$2.75 to \$2.89 per cubic metre, resulting in a minimum quarterly bill of \$137.15 instead of the previous \$130.62.

Before passing the bylaws, the public was given the opportunity to provide input to councillors.

David McGill, a new resident to the village, expressed concern over the minimum water fee.

"My comments aren't so much about the rates, per say, because I don't think your rate per unit is a problem," said McGill. "It's your minimum water charge that I have an issue with."

The former Port Hope resident said he was shocked to discover that the township doesn't reward residents who conserve their water.

"In our first bill here, we only used 20 cubic metres of water because we utilized all of the efficiencies we were used to using in Port Hope, only to discover that your minimum billing policy requires that we pay for 40 [cubic metres]," he said.

By conducting his own experiment and abandoning some of those conservancy practices, McGill said he still didn't use anywhere near as much water as he was billed for.

"To date, we've used 48 cubic metres of water but are being billed for 80."

McGill added that he is concerned about what the environmental impact could be.

"The fact that you're forcing us to pay for water we're not using... not only that, but you offer free drinking water over here," he said, referring to the public taps located by the fire hall.

With only 530 people on the municipal water system, Reeve Barb Reid told McGill that it's "a problem of scale."

"When you don't have thousands of people on a water system, the cost structure is chewed up more by fixed



Photo by Mark Arike

Lutterworth Pines residents attend the Feb. 28 Minden Hills council meeting for discussions about proposed water bylaws.

costs than the water that you use," said Reid.

Costs include mandatory staffing requirements, maintenance to the system and the hiring of an outside water agency, she explained.

"A lot of this is post-Walkerton."

Reid acknowledged McGill's points and shared his frustration.

"We know that people make efforts to conserve, but the minimums are in place to generate the revenue to pay for the fixed costs of having the system."

She also explained that the township is only allowed to charge the users of the system, not the general tax base.

Reid also pointed out that in the near future, water will no longer be available for free at the taps in town.

"We've agreed that's it not fair for the people who are paying for the system to support the distribution of free water."

She said the pay-for tap has been ordered and is "being fabricated as we speak."

Councillor Brigitte Gall suggested that council "explore opportunities of incentive."

"I certainly agree with you," Gall told McGill. "It is our responsibility as individuals to be proactive to recognize that this is not a free commodity; it is essential for life."

In response, Reid said council has some ideas that can be referred to staff. She recalled previous research work that had been done by staff into rates charged by other municipalities.

"We did some research on communities approximately our size, and our quarterly billings were significantly lower."

The Lutterworth Pines community, which has its own drinking system, will not face a water usage fee increase in 2013.

Highlander news



Photo by Lisa Harrison

University of Ottawa medical students took flight for a county tour during their recruitment visit last year.

County implements new medical recruitment plan

By Lisa Harrison

The county's professional recruitment committee is ramping up projects to woo medical professionals and convince medical students to practice in the Highlands when they graduate.

Plans include a local needs survey, acquisition of more funding for marketing and information initiatives and another visit by medical students for job shadowing and recreation.

County councillor and committee representative Liz Danielsen gave a verbal report to council at its Feb. 20 meeting. She said the survey was being loaded online and would be ready shortly to determine how many patients are rostered with existing doctors in the county and how many need a doctor.

A subcommittee has approached the Haliburton County Development Corporation for the funding. Another

subcommittee will meet with the chair and vice-chair of the Kinmount recruitment group to learn more about their successful practice.

Danielsen reported the county will have four students coming in again this year through the Rural Ontario Medical Program. The province's annual initiative gives pre-clerkship medical students an opportunity to see what it's like to practice medicine in a host community.

"They seem to be keen and the committee has been asked to take a little bit stronger lead role in just making sure that there are lots of activities and lots of opportunities for the students to fall in love with Haliburton while they're here."

The county recently approved a no-interest loan for return of service program for medical students, to be administered in consultation with the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

Boundary signs will be upgraded

By Lisa Harrison

The Ministry of Transportation Northern Region is offering free upgrades for county and municipal boundary signage and the county will accept.

Approved at the Feb. 20 council meeting, upgrades will be applied to the county signs on provincial highways 28, 35, 60 and 118 under the Enhanced Boundary Sign Program.

Public works director Doug Ray told council the program will be discussed with the lower tier municipalities so they can also participate.

The larger signage is designed to include more text, community logos and welcoming messages and/or slogans profiling unique area features.

Ultimate Survivors head for Highlands

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands is preparing for Project Ultimate Survivors, a wilderness adventure program for at-risk Toronto youth.

Plans are being finalized for 30 to 40 youths to camp near Sherborne Lake from May 28 to June 2, staff reported to council Feb. 21.

The Toronto Police Service and Toronto Catholic District School Board developed the project to break down police/youth barriers, encourage teamwork, build character, promote respect and foster self-worth among at risk/marginalized urban youth.

Up to 80 officers volunteer their time.

Last year's successful pilot at Greenwood Conservation Area featured Les Stroud of Survivorman. He'll appear again this year.

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12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
March Schedule & Sponsors
March 10 - Rotary Club of Minden
March Break (11th - 15th)
Monday to Friday 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
March 17 - Township of Minden Hills
March 24 - No Public Skate-Minden Figure Skating Club Winter Carnival
March 31 - No Public Skate-Coby Islander Hockey Tournament

2013 Interim Tax Bills

Please be advised that the 2013 Interim tax bills were mailed on February 28th, 2013. The due dates are March 22nd and May 17th. If you have not received your bill(s) by the March due date, please contact our office.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change. **Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.**

Meetings and Events

March 10
Daylight Savings, Clocks Spring Ahead 1 hour
March 14
9:00 am, Committee of the Whole meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)
March 19
7:30 pm, Events Advisory Committee meeting, Minden Community Centre
March 24
2:00 pm, Irondale Community Centre Advisory meeting, Irondale Community Centre
March 28
9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)



Daylight Savings

Don't forget to set your clocks
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March 10, 2013

Employment Opportunity

The Community Services Department is currently seeking a Community Development Coordinator.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application, along with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00 noon Thursday, March 14, 2013 to:
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March Break Culture Club
March 11 to 15 10:30am to 3:30pm
\$20 per child per day
Recommended for children 8+.

Materials supplied. Parents must ensure their child has lunch and snacks with them as well as proper clothes for working with art materials and outdoors.

Culture Club is a time for kids to enjoy a number of activities that include: visual art, heritage, literacy and natural heritage.

New this year is an outdoor education component. The morning will involve hands-on arts/crafts activities with art, heritage and literacy themes instructed by Sarah Jowett, a qualified art teacher. The afternoon will be outdoors games, activities and learning with an outdoor educator.

The following are the themes for each day:
Monday, March 11 - A Collaborative Village + GPS Village Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, March 12 - Oceans Alive + Weaving Wizards + Wonderful Wetlands!

Wednesday, March 13 - My Masterpiece + Sensory Awareness

Thursday, March 14 - Lyric Mobile + Magnificent Birds!

Friday, March 15 - Artsy Family Tree + Fabulous Forests!

Visit www.mindenculturalcentre.ca to check out the following exhibits and other workshops:

The Eaton's Catalogue
January 12 – April 6, 2013

The Coyote
January 14 – April 6, 2013

Who We Seem To Be by Tanya Lyons
February 26 – March 30, 2013

Between the Lines by Janette Charron
February 26 – March 30, 2013



Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Highlander business



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Haliburton's Bargain Shop will remain open despite store closures across the company.

The Bargain Shop files for creditor protection

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's business as usual at The Bargain Shop's Haliburton location, said store manager Steve Davies, despite news the company has filed for protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA).

On Feb. 26, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice granted The Bargain Shop protection under the CCAA for an initial period expiring on March 28, at which time it can be extended as required and approved by the Court, according to a press release on the company's website.

"All I can say is that their plans are to

close the unprofitable stores as part of their restructuring," Davies said. "The Haliburton location is going forward because the store has always been profitable."

"It's a go-forward store. That's the plan."

Davies has told his 10 employees their jobs are safe and not to worry.

"Everything continues to run as normal. Nothing is affected. We're open for business."

The store has been in Haliburton for seven or eight years, he said. It will be one of approximately 179 stores left open, Davies said. He estimated 64 stores were slated for closure.

The Computer Guy Bad Windows update

On Feb. 27, Microsoft came out with an "Optional Update" called Platform Update (KB2670838) that has caused many people running Windows 7 headaches, including yours truly.

The update caused multiple problems on my computer including, but not limited to, Windows Media Player stopped playing AVI's. Several of my programs either didn't run or ran very slowly. I got 2 BSOD's (Blue Screens of Death) in one hour. These problems and a whole list of other issues have affected people worldwide who installed this update. Go to Google and search "KB2670838 problems" and you'll see what I mean.

If you did install this and you're experiencing problems then you need to uninstall it. To do this follow these steps: Go to Start-Control Panel-Uninstall Programs. When the program list has finished loading click on "View Installed Updates", located upper left side of the window. Wait for the list to finish loading and scroll down until you find "Windows Update (KB2670838)", right click and choose "Uninstall". After it finishes uninstalling you may need to restart your computer. Go ahead and restart, and when it boots back to your desktop all should be well.

This update was supposed to be a prerequisite for Internet Explorer 10, which really surprises me considering they haven't got Internet Explorer 9 to work properly yet.

As far as I know this update was for Windows 7, but if you're running Vista or 8 I

would keep an eye for it and install it at your own risk.

This isn't the first time, or the last, that a Windows update has caused major problems for people. Last year an update caused the "Close, Maximize, and Minimize" buttons to stop responding. After two weeks of e-mails and phone calls, Microsoft relented that it was their software and not my computer that was the problem and released a patch.

In 2010 they released a security update that crashed computers by the millions. The problem being that the update wanted you to insert your Windows disc into your CD/DVD drive. Not all computer manufacturers were shipping the Windows disc with their systems. This caused the update to stall/fail and then wreaked havoc.

I'm always baffled when these updates come out and make a mess of things. Microsoft's hardware updates haven't worked in years and usually cause whatever piece of hardware you were updating to stop working. Do they not test these first or do they just throw it out there and cross their fingers and let's see what happens. All I know is if these guys worked for me they would have been standing in the unemployment line a long time ago.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!



By David Spaxman

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FAX: 705-286-4917

E-mail: admin@mindenhills.ca

Detailed position description can be obtained from the Clerk's Office 2nd floor or by contacting sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

We thank all candidates in advance, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be retained under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and shall only be used for candidate selection purposes and determining eligibility for employment.

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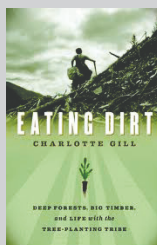
Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.



HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *The Painted Girls* by Cathy Marie Buchanan 🇨🇦
2. *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci
3. *Beach Strip* by John Lawrence Reynolds 🇨🇦
4. *Notorious Nineteen* by Janet Evanovich
5. *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* by Donna Morrissey 🇨🇦



HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill 🇨🇦
2. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦
5. *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* by Kamal Al-Solaylee

The Wealthy Barber Returns by David Chilton has been one of our most popular non-fiction titles at the library for close to a year now. It's no surprise – books about personal finances, like many practical self-improvement books, are consistently sought after and those featuring the subjects of budgeting, investments and debt are especially popular around dreaded tax season.

If you enjoyed the *The Wealthy Barber* and its sequel you may want to consider other trusted authors who write about financial security. For example, Gail Vaz-Oxlade's *Debt Free Forever, Never Too Late* and *It's Your Money* are very accessible and, like *The Wealthy Barber*, they are Canadian relevant.

You may also want to pick up *Jacks on Tax* by Evelyn Jacks, which provides the reader with tips for filing taxes online.

Finally, if you find yourself at any of our eight library branches across the County, grab yourself a free copy of the *Your Personal Tax Planning Guide 2012-13*. We are here to help you with all of your information needs.

Library News

Free children's programming (aged 2+) at the library this March Break. Stop by the Dysart Branch (March 12 from 10-11 a.m.), Minden Hills Branch (March 13 from 10-11 a.m.) or the Wilberforce Branch (March 14 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.) for stories, crafts and other fun activities.

What's Up Two terrific talents at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery



By George Farrell

If ever there was an exhibition of art that can be called smile-inducing and thought-provoking it's the one right now at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

Actually it's two shows in one.

'Who We Seem To Be' is an exhibition featuring the work of Tanya Lyons. Lyons is a glass artist who lives in Quebec and who teaches fairly regularly at the local School of the Arts. Her work at the AJG focuses on dresses which are made with glass.

The other show is called 'Between the Lines' by Jeanette Charron, a former Haliburton resident who now lives in Ottawa. Charron uses colour pencils and water-based inks to create repetitive patterns of lines and colour, form and space.

'Who We Seem To Be' occupies the big room in the gallery. It's a superbly lit space with high ceilings and bright walls, ideal for Lyons' glass dresses, some of which seem to float in air. In addition to the intricate, life-sized dresses the exhibit also features women's underwear and footwear. All of Lyons' pieces contain glass but they're also composed of such materials as stainless steel, metal meshes, and even coloured pharmacy capsules.

One dress is composed of bubbles of glass which contain milkweed and dandelion seeds and their fluff. There's a beautifully constructed short dress, reminiscent of a ballerina's costume. There's also a Kimono which is made of copper mesh cleverly adorned with recycled lace and interwoven with twigs and glass flowers.

Lyons spent some time as a child backstage at the Stratford Festival, which might explain the theatrical quality to her work. She says that slipping on different dresses lets us "change who we seem to be." Presumably she was referring to women.

Being a former fashion photographer, I couldn't help but visualize women appearing inside those see-through dresses, sporting glass underwear... or not. So for me Lyons' pieces, though they work deliciously on a purely esthetic level, also work in a latently erotic way. The exhibition certainly made me smile, though perhaps not for the reasons that the artist

might have intended.

Jeanette Charron's works hang on the walls and in an ante room off the main gallery. They represent what many people might think of when they think of abstract or modern art. They're also vibrant, well-designed images well worth lingering over.

By working with colour pencils Charron has used traditional materials in a non-traditional way. Her finely realized

drawings deal equally with primary and secondary images and spaces. Some of the works show blocks and sphere sections floating on wispy-lined backgrounds. With other pieces the lines take the focus and large half-moon shapes are more recessive as the viewer's eye is persuaded to move between background and foreground; positive and negative spaces.

Though Charron's pieces are technically drawings, some of the images look more like silk screens or fine prints. They are all behind glass so you can't touch them but some convey a tactile quality reminiscent of finely woven textiles. Some have an

architectural look to them and there are others that evoke the lines of a topographic map.

Abstracts can represent everyday subjects in ways that aren't obvious, but Charron does not use real subjects as reference points. She visualizes the finished work beforehand.

In her promotional literature she asks: "What exactly is the subject? Is it about shape, line or colour? Does it matter? Those questions are left to the individual viewers to decide, and that's just one reason why abstracts are so provocative; they require the viewer to think."

'Who We Seem To Be' by Tanya Lyons, and Jeanette Charron's 'Between the Lines' are distinctly different though compellingly complementary exhibitions by two talented artists. You might smile at Lyons' work and exercise the little grey cells with Charron's, but either way you'll know you've been entertained.

The two exhibitions are at the Agnes Jamieson gallery until March 30. Don't miss them.



Photo by George Farrell

Until March 30 visitors to the Agnes Jamieson gallery can see two shows in one, 'Between the Line's by Jeanette Charron and 'Who We Seem To Be' by Tanya Lyons. Pictured is one of Charron's coloured pencil and ink drawings.



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Photo by Mark Arike

Above: Artist-in-residence Suzie Vinnick (centre) spends some quality time with Winter Folk Camp participants. Top right: Mississauga resident Cynthia Forster takes a close look at where her fingers are going in Suzie Vinnick's blues stream. Middle: Students in Suzie Vinnick's workshop learn to play several blues tunes. Bottom: Local resident Barbara Varty plays the keyboard in the "Playing the Blues" stream.



Fifth Winter Folk Camp sees record attendance

By Mark Arike

Learning to play the blues is that much easier when you've got an expert like Suzie Vinnick teaching you all the licks and riffs.

"I'm throwing a lot of stuff at you guys," Vinnick told her group of 17 students in a stream session at this year's Winter Folk Camp. The fifth annual event ran from March 1-4 at Camp Wanakita and was hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society.

A regular performer in the Highlands, Vinnick isn't a newbie when it comes to playing the blues. She's the recipient of three 2006 Maple Blues awards and has shared the stage with Rick Fines, another well-known Canadian blues artist.

When the Saturday afternoon workshop began, Vinnick said it was her goal to teach the group three blues tunes. At the end of the weekend, they would be able to showcase their skills in small group performances.

The first song students had to get their fingers going to was Sweet Home Chicago, a 12-bar blues standard made famous by Robert Johnson. The group quickly got into the swing of things under Vinnick's direction. Some even sang along.

Other songs they worked on included Bring It On Home, Hoochie Coochie Man, and Big Boss Man.

Owen Sound resident Chris Blake felt at ease in the blues stream.

"I'm not feeling intimidated at all," said the 69-year-old, who didn't start taking music lessons until she was 66. "I always thought it would be nice [to start playing music]. It's not unusual for people my age to start."

While most of Vinnick's students played guitars, Blake was the only participant on an upright bass.

"I've only had it [my upright bass] for 15 months," she laughed.

For participant Adam Palmer of Bancroft, the workshop was a one-of-a-kind experience.

"It's been cool," said Palmer. "I'm disappointed that I can only take one stream. I would take them all if I could."

Other streams offered at Winter Folk Camp included: songwriting with Katherine Wheatley, ukulele orchestra with Eve Goldberg, playing well together with David Woodhead, fingerstyle guitar with Wendell Ferguson, community choir with Tom Leighton, and fiddle with Soozie Schlanger.

In addition to the streams and informal jam sessions, an evening concert on Saturday with Betty and the Bobs and Eve Goldberg drew about 180 people to Wanakita.

Artistic director Thom Lambert said there were many highlights at this year's event.

"It's very difficult to pick amongst the many incredible moments," said Lambert. "Both the concert and the dance were incredible in terms of energy and musical performance."

For him, the gospel performance with the entire camp and the campers' concert captured the essence of what Winter Folk Camp is all about.

"It [the gospel performance] stood out for me this year because of the incredible feeling of 100 people all singing in harmony. There is something very powerful about being part of that kind of collective music-making," he said.

The campers' concert gave participants the chance to perform for the community, therefore allowing them to demonstrate all the techniques they had learned.

"The atmosphere is incredibly supportive, and the performances show everyone else in camp just how far a group of musicians can go in a weekend."

With a total of 79 participants, this was the most well-attended Winter Folk Camp to date.

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Highlander life



Photos by Will Jones

Above left: Students discover 18th century trading goods with Mike Buss. Top right: Mike Buss determines the worth of his furs. Bottom right: Leonard Lock stretches a beaver skin to dry.

Beavers' feet, bannock and black powder

Touring the fur trade, historic and modern day, in Haliburton County

By Will Jones

"What do you do with their feet? Do you use them? We could sell them like they sell lucky rabbits' feet!"

The budding entrepreneur is engrossed in the sight before him. Questions, and answers, spill out almost uncontrollably as he watches the trapper stretch and scrape a beaver pelt to prepare it for drying.

This business-minded youngster is one of nine Grade 7 boys from Northmount School in Toronto here in the Highlands to learn about the fur trade, ancient and modern, as part of their history curriculum. Our day is almost over but it has been an eventful one, packed with snowshoeing, history and fun.

As the boys cluster around trapper Leonard Lock to watch him flesh the beaver pelt you can almost hear their minds racing with the day's experiences, their brains bursting with new knowledge. They gawp at the pelt upon the board, paw at a second dead beaver awaiting skinning and wonder: "Why are its teeth that funny colour? What does the tail feel like? Why do you cut the legs off?"

And a whole host of other questions, including what do you do with their feet?

"They have so many questions," says teacher Peter Bacardi. "This type of experience really brings that out of them." He

laughs and adds: "If only I could hold their attention like this in the classroom."

Bacardi has brought his students to Haliburton as part of their education on New France and the fur trade that attracted Europeans to North America as early as the 16th Century. He arranged the trip through Barrie Martin and his local adventure business, Yours Outdoors. Martin tailored a day to suit the class curriculum.

First off was a meeting with Mike Buss, ex-Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) biologist and avid historian, who took us on a hike through the bush, pointing out evidence of wildlife along the way – everything from weasel and snowshoe hare tracks, to otter slides and deer beds – before arriving at his trapper's cabin. Clad in 18th Century attire, Buss stepped into his cabin and back in time. The whole interior was bedecked with historic artifacts of the fur trade. From the pelts hanging on the walls to the plethora of tools and trading goods strewn across the large table, the boys (and my) eyes lit up at the treasures before us.

With a mug of hot spiced cider to sup on, we settled in while Buss told the story of the fur trade from an historic perspective, happily being interrupted frequently by questions from the boys. He engaged them with tales of trapping and trading; passed around pelts and products; showed how to fire-start with a flint and steel; and even loaded and fired his black powder rifle. Lunch was pork and beans, and bannock, washed down with more cider and then we were off to meet modern day trapper Lock.

Boys filled with bannock and beans raced across the lake in snowshoes, vying to be first to the trap. The shouts and laughter stopped as we gathered around the beaver lodge and

Lock broke the ice.

A collective, "Whoa!" was heard as he hauled a large beaver onto the ice. The realization that this was a once live animal, now caught in a trap and very definitely dead, was writ large on the face of every boy. Some shied away initially, while others were quick to blurt out questions.

"How long did it take to die? How does the trap work? What is the bait? Has anything ever eaten the beaver while it was in the trap?"

Lock, who comes from a long lineage of trappers and has himself been trapping since 1969, answered every question fully and with a calmness of voice that reassured even the most squeamish of boy until everyone was fully engaged in the conversation.

"This type of experience is really valuable for my students," says Bacardi. "It puts real perspective on the lessons they learn in class. It illustrates the true hardships endured and skills used by the fur traders, and, it reconnects the boys with nature and traditions that continue to this day in Ontario."

Martin agrees.

"The On the Trap Line adventure raises some serious questions for many people. Some may not like elements of it but everyone, no matter what their age, comes away with a new appreciation of both the historic and modern day fur trade. It's a valuable experience whatever your views on trapping."

As for buying lucky beaver feet: it may be a year or two before our budding Northmount entrepreneur gets his business up and running.

For more information about On the Trap Line or other local adventures, go to www.yoursoutdoors.ca.

Highlander life



Photo by Lea Kitler

Hilke Braun taps a tree at Magnificent Hill.

Maple syrup season offers outdoor activities

By Mark Arike

With spring around the corner, now's the perfect time to get outdoors and experience maple syrup production in the Highlands.

On weekends in March (weather permitting), locals and visitors can learn how to gather sap the old fashioned way at Magnificent Hill in Highland Grove.

"This is the first year that we're opening up this event to the public," said Lea Kitler, co-owner of Magnificent Hill. "We've usually only had friends come up around that time to help out. Now we're at a point where we have more and more people interested in what we're doing on the farm, so we're opening it up to other people in the community."

During the event, participants will enter the bush on their snowshoes and carry sap in buckets. The sap will then be boiled down on a wood-fired evaporator – a process that keeps the precious minerals in the final product.

"We don't use big industrial type systems," said Kitler. "We don't have the big filters or anything like that, so it's more of a back to the basics approach."

For signing up, participants will also be able to feast on pancakes complete with maple syrup.

At Wintergreen Maple Products and Pancake Barn in Gelert, visitors will be able to get a hands-on experience each weekend in March and April.

"Typically, people have got cabin fever and they're trying to get out of their houses," said Tom Dawson, co-owner of Wintergreen. "What we find is that there are a lot of people looking to do a family outing."

On weekends, visitors will be able to enjoy a maple meal, walk in the sugar bush and watch maple syrup being made in the evaporator (conditions permitting). Kids can satisfy their sweet tooth with free snow taffy tasting on both days at 2 p.m.

Wintergreen also offers over 100 different food products, which means plenty of taste-testing opportunities will be available.

"Some of the products have maple syrup in them, of course," said Dawson.

For further information about the activities being offered at Magnificent Hill call 705-448-9453. To learn more about the "Sugaring Off" workshops at Wintergreen call 705-286-3202.

Art Hive's children's workshops offer something different

By Mark Arike

Kids ages seven and up will be able to create all kinds of creatures, including clay zombie animals, at The Art Hive during the March Break.

"They [the workshops] are pretty popular," said Erin Lynch, founding member of The Art Hive. "Parents are always looking to give their children interesting experiences."

Taking place between March 11 and 15, the workshops will feature instructors who are Art Hive members. Lynch's mother, Sharon, will be kicking off the sixth annual series with a workshop titled "Clay Zombie Zoo".

"I don't know how many zombie clay workshops there are, but zombies are pretty big in pop culture right now," said Lynch. "Young people do have a fascination with creepy or macabre things."

In the morning workshop, children will "learn basic hand-building techniques and add colourful underglazes to their creations."

Since their work will need to be fired in a kiln, participants won't be able to pick up their finished pieces until two weeks after the workshop.

As an instructor herself, Lynch enjoys being able to share the gift of creativity with others.

"It's an opportunity for us to make some money, but to also share our passion of creativity with the community," she said.

Other workshops will include drawing, painting, sculpting, paper mache and an introduction to making your own birdhouse. For more details visit www.thearthive.com.



Photo by Erin Lynch

A clay zombie created at The Art Hive.

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Highlander people

Firefighting fuels life for new trainer

By Lisa Harrison

Peter Frank found his passion in mid-life and thinks he's finally found the perfect way to live it.

Frank is the new chief training officer (CTO) for the Algonquin Highlands fire services department. He'll work 30 hours a week augmenting Ontario Fire College (OFC) training with additional instruction for volunteer firefighters at the Dorset, Oxtongue Lake and Stanhope divisions.

"This is a passion," Frank says firmly. "This is not a job. It is a passion fuelled by the love of the industry."

Frank was born and raised in Toronto and worked for the TTC for 30 years. It was a good life, but he had always considered himself a country boy. When he began attending OFC in 1997, Frank discovered his love for firefighting.

He married Catherine, his high school sweetheart, in 1981 and finally convinced her they should head north. They settled in Beaverton in 1991.

Frank joined the Brock Fire Services volunteers five years later, eventually becoming a captain. In 2006 Brock's new fire chief put Frank in charge of Brock's first recruit training class, and in 2009 he left the TTC to pursue his love for firefighting full-time. Frank became an associate instructor at OFC around that time.

He holds a fire leadership certificate from

Dalhousie University and OFC company officer and training officer diplomas, and is Pro Board certified in both officer roles, able to work throughout North America. He also holds a teacher's certificate for adult education.

"Number one is family, and number two is this," says Frank, adding he's been known to work 21 days straight because it's not work for him. An avid traveller, he returned home from Russia in the afternoon one day and was back at work at 6:30 a.m. the next.

"I love this job," says Frank, adding wistfully, "I should have done this 30 years ago... I missed my calling."

The joy of volunteering is the wide variety of skills the volunteers bring to the table, according to Frank.

"You're only as good as the men around you, your team. So when you have a good crew, a good base to start out with, it just makes your job easier."

Frank's top priority is to meet with the district chiefs.

"We'll formulate a game plan as we go along. They know their men, it's their stations."

So where did Frank's passion for service come from?

He smiles warmly.

"My mom. She's always been a volunteer at a hospital. She's passed now, but she handed it down to me and I've handed it down to my



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Peter Frank is the new chief training officer for Algonquin Highlands fire services.

daughter... As far as I'm concerned, [helping others] is the best job in the world."

With kids Daniel, 26, and Michelle, 24, now self-reliant, Frank and his wife are free to take on this new challenge and move even further north.

"I have no qualms about moving up here," says the country boy. "I'm so fortunate. I'm pinching myself every day that I'm actually here for doing this."

Impoverished teens find hope in community

By Lisa Harrison

She's 17, about to graduate and has her whole life ahead of her.

But what will that life look like?

Leah (not her real name) is one of the many youths living below the poverty line in Haliburton County.

In her single-parent family, money was already scarce for food and the medication Leah was prescribed recently for life-altering physical conditions. Now deteriorating health has forced her to stop working, and she faces surgery and possibly expensive physiotherapy.

Poverty restricts access to food, medications, dental and vision care and more, compromising children's physical, mental and emotional health and their ability to learn and to envision and plan for a better future.

They face the stigma that still exists around poverty, and it isn't always easy to hide the signs; sometimes students must choose between a field trip and food.

Leah is thankful daily for the food provided all day in easily accessed areas by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS).

"All of our schools receive funds to provide nutritional programs, and in order to help reduce the stigma, we make that food available to everybody and anybody," says Shelley Woon, superintendent of special education and safe schools for Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB).

Poor families often live far away from schools due to lower housing costs, increasing children's isolation from friends and community. Students may miss school because there's no money for gas or they must babysit younger siblings when their parents need to be away.

Poverty also produces significant stress and any resulting negative parental behaviours are often reflected to the student, says Kristina Nairn, social determinants

of health nurse for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR).

Teens in such situations often look for ways to leave home early, and couch surfing at friends' homes has become a big problem, according to Dan Bajorek.

"There are no youth shelters in the county so you've got two choices – you either go to Peterborough or you go to Lindsay, A Place Called Home," says Bajorek, program manager at Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents (PinT), which provides family support services.

"For many of our clients here, it's kind of like, 'My friendship base is here. I still want to continue going to high school.' They really don't want to leave, period, and [a youth shelter] is not a very attractive alternative despite wanting to leave the home situation."

PinT often receives requests for support in student welfare applications, but Bajorek says that's often not the answer because the student still struggles to cover food, transportation and high local housing costs while attending school.

Poor parents may not have registered a child for a birth certificate (both parents must apply) so the teen can't get a social insurance number for work. Bajorek says single parents may be unable to contact their partner or may want to keep the teen at home for the teen's protection or for their own support.

Alcohol and drugs have an even greater pull in rural communities where money and opportunities for entertainment are slim to none, according to Bajorek.

Leah agrees. Alcohol interferes with her medication, but some friends still urge her to drink up.

"I don't know how I would be able to function without my medication," says Leah.

Alcohol got the boot.

"When I was drinking I was the most violent person...

Things got worse and worse."

Leah says at the breaking point she wanted to die, but with support she pulled herself out of it. She hasn't had a drink in three months but the temptation to fully join her friends in the party lifestyle remains.

Strong-willed, Leah is overcoming many family and health issues. She is achieving excellent grades on her own and with support from family, friends and PinT. The organization provides a counsellor at HHSS and partners with other community services and with medical health resources to ensure teens receive the services they need.

"It feels like me and her can talk like best friends," Leah says of the on-site counsellor. "I don't think I'd be where I am today if it wasn't for them [PinT]."

Leah looks forward to better health so she can work and save money for a career in youth support services. She recommends perseverance and communication for teens dealing with the many challenges of poverty, saying counsellors, teachers, help lines, trusted adults in the community and medical professionals can all help.

"We're all strangers, but hey, we're all alike," says Leah. "There's tons of resources that can help you."

Nowadays I think there's not a place out here that will not listen."

Woon says a TLDSB committee is looking at poverty, including issues such as food, fundraising and field trips as one of its many initiatives to ensure "all students can succeed while we have them in front of us". TLDSB is also working with the county around poverty issues.

County poverty reduction strategies include the FoodNet universal nutrition program involving 16 community partners and HKPR's Rethink Poverty initiative. A poverty reduction strategy was presented to county council in draft form in September.

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Big Win for Minden Skating Club

By Warren Riley

It was a proud day for the coaches and skaters of the Minden Skating Club at the Toni Carr Memorial Interclub events. The Minden skaters outperformed the other clubs and placed first.

Past President Pam Weiss was thrilled with her club's results and described the events on March 2 and 3 in Millbrook, Ontario.

"It's a yearly competition that rotates around to each of the clubs in Region 1 and we send a team each year," she said. "This year we sent 29 kids and they skate either in teams, pairs or an individual element and they get medals for coming in first, second or third. If they are in a CanSkate challenge, they receive a certificate for gold, silver or bronze."

The team with the most points at the end of the weekend is declared the winner and receives a banner.

"We got the most points at 51 for the weekend and the second place club received 49; we lost by two points last year. Every one of our 29 kids came home with at least one or more awards."

Weiss attributes the club's win to the skater's efforts and the coach's dedication.

"The skaters and coaches determination was fantastic," Weiss continued. "The drive and enthusiasm of the kids was also fantastic and some of the kids are really good skaters."

"Most of our points were [scored] on the Saturday which is our CanSkate Intermediate day and that's where most of our kids came from. The majority of kids that went were either intermediate or CanSkate kids as opposed to seniors which skated on Sunday. We were in every event on Saturday but not as many on Sunday."

Performances by River Christiano were exceptional. She received a total of six medals; one bronze, three silver and two gold. Additional outstanding skaters were Casey Pringle with one gold, two silver and one bronze; Shae MacNaull with one gold, two silver and one bronze and Callie Dick with one gold, three silvers and one bronze.

It was an outstanding day for coach Jane Symons and assistant coach Alana Bannister who were the contributing factors to the

success of the club. Overall, the club received eight gold, nine silver and nine bronze medals placing first out of 13 teams that competed.



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River Christiano received six medals at the Toni Carr Memorial Interclub event on March 2 and 3.

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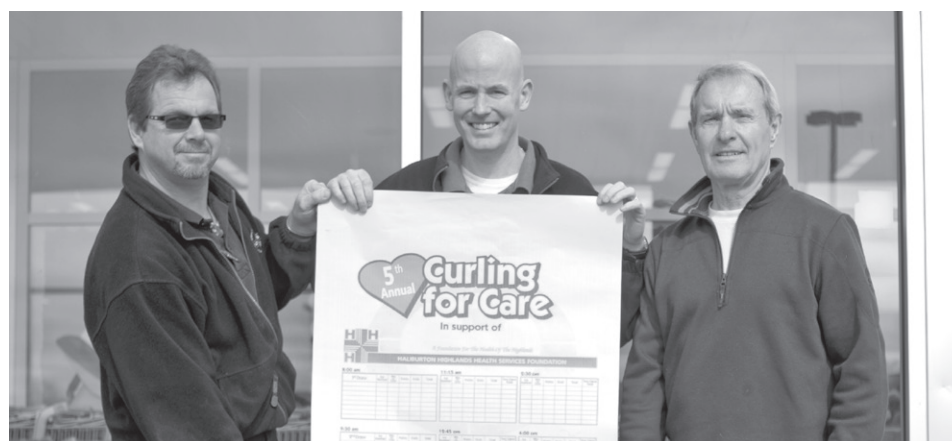


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From left, Tom Merriman, Steve Todd of Todd's Independent and Bob MacNaull.

Curling for Care benefits hospitals

By Warren Riley

When it comes to raising funds for a worthy cause, Haliburton County stands in the forefront. Local businesses answer this call with dedication and spirit. One example is the upcoming curling bonspiel sponsored by Todd's Independent of Haliburton.

Co-coordinators Steve Todd and Bob MacNaull are excited at the response they received for the March 6 Curling for Care Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club.

This will be the fifth year for the bonspiel and Todd hopes to meet or exceed his target of \$20,000 collectively over the five years.

"We have between 65 and 70 participants this year which includes all ages from a 13 year old and up," he said. "There are four

curlers per team which will play six ends."

The cost to play the event is \$45.00 per person or \$180.00 per team.

"There will be a sumptuous dinner for all curlers at the end of the bonspiel," Todd continued. "Todd's Independent supplies most of the food and we have the chef from Bonnie View Inn Resort catering for us. Those that help volunteer their time are greatly appreciated which helps us to make this curling event successful."

"One hundred per cent of the money raised will be split between the Haliburton and Minden hospitals in an effort to help purchase equipment that is so desperately needed. The Haliburton Curling Club has donated the time and the rink for the event and we are thankful for their support."

Highlander sports

Organizers expect over 950 participants

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"This will be a tremendous undertaking and many volunteers are required. We will have approximately 350 registered as we did in the 2011 games. The positions to be filled will include sponsorship, media and finance which are co-chaired and will be responsible for many of the sub-committees."

"There will be 10 sporting events of which eight are athletic," Clark continued. "The two which are not are bridge and snooker. In the last 2011 games we had to send 60 bowlers who competed in the 10-pin bowling events to Peterborough as Haliburton doesn't have a 10-pin bowling alley. That was a shame. The other event was bridge as we couldn't accommodate the numbers involved with space and we sent them to Fenelon Falls. For the 2015 bridge events we hope to be able to accommodate them."

Sports Alliance has a maximum participation of 1,045 and Clark knows he can match the number registered for the 2011 games.

"We had 950 registered participants in 2011 and we will definitely match or exceed that number, of that I am confident. What will be a first is the fact we will be exposing over 1,000 people to Haliburton for the first time. We hope this will encourage these individuals to return and experience what Haliburton has to offer."

Attracting that number of people to any event is a monumental task for any county and Clark expressed his

conviction by way of the Pond Hockey success.

"The Pond Hockey games set the table for other events. We were confident those games would be successful and they were. Haliburton County can hold such large events and the Pond Hockey was that proof. The 2015 games will just add to that confidence."

According to Clark, each participant will pay a fee of \$150.00 to enter. After the bills are paid, the residuals will go towards active seniors' projects within the communities.

"The funds left over will be going to each of the communities in Haliburton for the strict purpose of helping active seniors. Two examples are benches for resting and paths to make walking easier. In the last 2011 games we had \$33,000 left over and those funds were divided up accordingly to the community needs but not necessarily equal."

As of now, it's just a formality as council has to rubber stamp the games which will occur at the end of March. Clark will then begin the daunting task of pulling together the volunteers and staff required to make the Winter Games another success.

"One of my greatest tasks will be to get as many lodgings as possible to accommodate the influx of individuals. This time I have several additional resorts and lodges we will be able to count on for accommodations; last time I lost two major places at the last minute. That kind of left us scrambling. That's one problem I don't have to worry about this time"

Storm Midget Girls' season comes to an end

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Storm Midget B girls participated in the Clearview Ice Cat Tournament on the weekend at the Nottawasaga ice complex.

The team was short staffed due to a few injuries – Alicia McLean out with a concussion and Tammy Everitt out with a lower body (knee) injury. To add to the mix, a flu bug hit our tender, Connor Marsden, and the Storm needed a replacement to start the tourney. Cassidy Garbutt volunteered to suit up and strap on the pads. The girls rallied to keep the score close and support the new goalie. Way to go girls, the game was closer than the score in our battle with the Nepean Wild Cats.

In our second game, we had a somewhat rebounded goaltender for the evening contest. Again, the Storm squad rallied to support the efforts of our keeper. Marsden stopped a penalty shot in the 3-1 win against the Caledon Coyotes. Kelsey Maracle tied the game, Maddison Allore scored the game winner and Erin Little solidified the win with an empty netter with just seconds left in the game. Great team effort and

support was displayed by the entire team.

Our third game, and season-ending game, was another tightly contested battle against Georgian Shores. Erica Carmount slipped a wrister past the Lightning tender to jump out to an early 1-0 lead. The short-staffed Georgian Shores squad did not let up and chipped away with two goals to steal the victory away from the Storm girls and their chance to play in the Sunday championship.

It was a great season of growth and team building girls. It was a pleasure to have such a great bunch of players with a growing appetite for improvement. Thanks again Storm girls.

The team staff would also like to thank our team sponsors – Minden Car Quest and Minden Canadian Tire. Your support is greatly appreciated. Also, a special thanks to all our girls' family support as well. You all are a pleasure to have worked with and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

And lastly, thank you to all our graduating players – Jessica Duchene, Tammy Everitt, and Alex Litwin who will be away on a Rotary Exchange next year.

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Junior Highlanders

OPP makes career pitch to students

By Matthew Desrosiers

Deciding what career path to choose is a big part of the high school years.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) teacher Elke Zilla helps her Grade 10 students with that decision every day in her Careers Studies class. The course is a mandatory half-semester class, split with civics.

On Feb. 28, Zilla asked two Ontario Provincial Police officers to stop by the classroom and present to her students on what it takes to become an OPP officer, and what the job is like.

Constables Matt Leach and Cassie Lee fielded questions from the 23 students in the class.

Lee spoke about her long road to the OPP.

She started after high school at Brock University where she was studying to be a teacher.

"After the [first] year was over, I realized I don't want to do this," she said. "I want to be a police officer."

In 2009 she completed her Police Foundations course at Durham College and did a placement with the Toronto Police sex crimes unit.

After building up her resume she applied to the OPP in March 2011, and had her interview in May that same year. However her application was deferred because she needed more life experience.

"It was a long ride for me," she said. "It took me, altogether, about two-and-a-half years to get on."

Lee told the students if they want to make it to the OPP, they have to be determined.

"If it's something you want to do, persevere. I love this job."

Leach also spoke of his experiences before joining the OPP. He graduated Police Foundations in 2010 and volunteered as an OPP auxiliary officer, helping OPP officers on patrol.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

OPP Constable Cassie Lee handcuffs HHSS Grade 10 student Paige Cowan in her Careers Studies class.

"You don't get paid for it, but it's quite fun," he said.

After going into the hiring pool, it took him a year to be hired on.

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The officers passed around equipment to show the students, and answered questions about speeding, the criminal code and what a person's rights are when arrested. Students kept them

engaged throughout the entire class.

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OBITUARIES



Reginald "Jim" Potter (Resident of Soyers Lake, Ontario)

Jim Potter of Soyers Lake passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services on Sunday, March 3rd after a year-long fight with cancer. Loving partner of Lenore Gillespie of Haliburton, and dear friend to her family, Mary-Ellen Gillespie of Toronto, Nora and her husband James and family of Toronto, and Hugh and his wife JoAnne and family of Toronto. Beloved father of Lee and her husband Randy of Buckhorn, Ontario, Kirk and his wife Nel of Seattle, Washington, son Dean of Peterborough, Ontario, and Eric (predeceased). Jim was born on July 8th, 1932 in Lakeview, Ontario, and celebrated his 80th birthday just last summer. A long-time resident of the Haliburton Highlands, over the years Jim enjoyed participating in Tai Chi, bicycling, motorcycling, bowling and square dancing. He loved working on his farm near Soyers Lake and staying busy and active. Jim will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Graveside Service

Cremation has taken place. A Graveside Service will be held in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. If desired, expressions of sympathy may be made by a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.



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NOTICE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE

The seventeenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital & Hyland Crest.

2013-14 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. **Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 27, 2013 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2013.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
HHHS Administration Office
Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M1S0
Phone: 705-457-2527
Email: mvieira@hhhs.on.ca
Website: www.hhhs.ca

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As a member of the health care team, the RN has a unique role in promoting health, in preventing illness, and in helping clients attain and maintain the highest level of health possible. The RN is responsible for providing comprehensive care to patients, with predictable and unpredictable outcomes who may or may not be clinically stable. The successful candidate will possess a diploma in Nursing and a current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario. Recent experience in an emergency or long-term care setting is preferred.

If you are an experienced or new graduate nurse, interested in joining our healthcare team, please send your resume by March 15, 2013 to:

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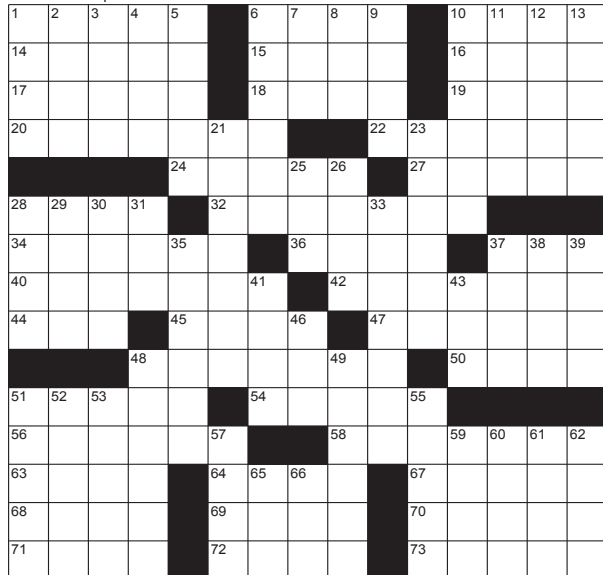
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ACROSS

1. Mixes
6. Furnace fuel
10. Rotate
14. Diamond weight
15. Angel's headgear
16. Relaxation
17. ____ acid
18. Clapton or Idle
19. Irritate
20. Make like new
22. Unsealed
24. Basil sauce
27. Restless
28. Placed
32. Author's pseudonym (2 wds.)
34. Most ancient
36. Inner ____
37. Massage
40. Pedicure subject
42. Soup cracker
44. Watery expanse
45. Broadway bomb
47. TV pooch
48. Conductor's title
50. Household animals
51. Daisy's kin
54. Finnish bath
56. Stress
58. Announce
63. Press
64. Zenith
67. Lugged
68. Humorist ____ Barry
69. Featherly shawls
70. Corrode
71. Water vessel
72. Categorize
73. Fiend

DOWN

1. Blemish
2. Domesticated
3. Showy flower
4. Rave
5. Small porch
6. Brie, e.g.
7. Rowing blade
8. "The Greatest"
9. Loony
10. Peaceful
11. Watercolor, e.g.
12. The British ____
13. Impoverished
21. Cold-blooded animal
23. Actress ____ Anderson
25. Explosive letters
26. Responsibility
28. Many
29. Burn balm
30. Notion
31. Rec room
33. Mother-of-pearl source
35. African expedition
37. Ascend
38. Single thing
39. Pollen gatherers
41. Profit and ____
43. Recipe unit (abbr.)
46. School org.
48. More unkind
49. Least courteous
51. In reserve
52. Hay
53. Treasure ____
55. Pretended
57. Apprehends
59. Folk knowledge
60. Power source
61. Renovate
62. Eve's home
65. Talk amorously
66. Scratch

Last week's puzzle solutions

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MARCH 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

What are the kids doing for March Break?

Sleigh Rides at 1251 Essonville Line, Tory Hill. Call Irvin Holland at 705-457-6048. \$100 per hour. Bring your group out and have some fun on a horsedrawn sleigh ride around the farm.

FRIDAY

Cribbage - (every Friday)
- Community Care, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941

SATURDAY

Country Music Jamboree -
S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY

TUESDAY

Contract Bridge - Minden United Church, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305.

Volunteer Income Tax Program - Haliburton Legion, 9:30-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330

Volunteer Income Tax Program - Wilberforce Legion, 2-3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Community Care Diner's Club - Minden United Church, 12 p.m. \$11, reservations call 705-754-1711

FRIDAY

St. Patrick's Beef Stew & Biscuit Dinner - Minden United Church, 5-7 p.m. 705-457-1424.

Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary's St. Patrick's Day
lunch 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Maple Syrup Festival
- Haliburton Highlands Museum, 11-3 p.m.

SATURDAY

Mini-Buck Euchre - Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Centre, 7 p.m.

Maple Syrup Festival
- Haliburton Highlands Museum, 11-3 p.m.

SUNDAY

St. Patrick's Day Buffet Dinner - Kinmount Legion, 4-7 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12.

MONDAY

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)
Bid Euchre, every Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, every Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Minden Branch (705-286-4541)
Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon - 2 p.m.
Cribbage, every Saturday, 1-3 p.m.
Bid Euchre, every Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Meat Draw, every Wednesday,

lunchtime
Ladies Darts, every Thursday, 1 p.m.
Euchre, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
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Jam session, every Friday, 7 p.m.
Meat draw, every Saturday, 2 p.m.
L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, 8-12 p.m.
Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
St. Patrick's Day Dance, March 16th from 9 p.m. to close. Featuring DJ Jeremy Huffman, no cover.

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only blink one eye
at a time.

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